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SUBJ: ADS REQUEST FOR J. GERBER & CO., NEW YORK, N.Y.

REF: USDOC REQUEST DATED OCT. 18, 1977

THE FOLLOWING FIRMS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED INDIVIDUALLY AND HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN REPRESENTING J. GERBER AS DISTRIBUTORS FOR WALTON HUMIDIFICATION EQUIPMENT.

1. COMERCIO E INVERSIONES, S.A.

3 AVE., 4 CALLE S.O. 18; P.O. BOX 319, SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS CONTACT: BENJAMIN MEMBRENO, PRESIDENT, PHONE: 52-3736, CABLE: COMI N

COMMENT: FIRM IS INTERESTED IN DISTRUBUTING WALTON HUNIDIFIERS AS AN ADDITION TO ITS LINES OF AIR CONDITIONERS AND ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES. COMIN IS A FAIRLY NEW FIRM, BUT ITS OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCED AND AGGRESSIVE BUSINESSMEN AND COULD HANDLE THIS LINE VERY EFFECTIVELY.

2. S.J. CANAHUATI E HIJOS, S. DE R.L.

EDIFICIO REYES ZELAYA, 3 AVE. 4 CALLE, TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., HONDURAS CONTACT: MIGUEL CANAHUATI, PARNER AND MANAGER PHONE: 22-9284, CABLE: CANAHUATI, TEGUCIGALPA.

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COMMENT: MR. CANAHUATI INDICATED THAT LOCAL MARKET IS SMALL AND DEMAND FOR WALTON HUMIDIFIZGS WOULD BE LIMITED. THUS HE COULD REPRESENT J. GERBER MORE ENFECTIVELY FOR THIS LINE ON A COMMISSION BASIS. FIRM HAS CAPABLE SALES FORCE CALLING ON INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT HONDURAS. FIRM PRIMARILY HANDLES ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND ELECTR MIC APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT.

3. AC MULTISERVICES CO

EDIFICIO BANCO DE HONDURAS 411, SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS CONTACT: JOSE ANTONIO GASTELLANOS, MANAGER AND OWNER., PHONE: 52-3

COMMENT: FIRM IS VERY INTERESTED IN WALTON LINE IF PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE. FIRM IS FAIRLY NEW BUT OWNER IS EXPERIENCED AND AGGRESSIVE BUSINESSMAN COVERING ENTIRE COUNTRY.

4. ZOODIACK, S. DE R.L.

2 CALLE S.O. NO. 1, SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS CONTACT: HENRY A. KATTAN, MANAGER, PHONE: 52-0301 CABLE: ANKA, SAN PEDRO SULA

COMMENT: FIRM IS INTERESTED IN WALTON HUMIDIFIERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DESIGNED FOR HOSPITALS, HOMES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS. FIRM IS FAIRLY NEW, BUT PARTNERS ARE EXPERIENCED BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE INTERESTS IN OTHER BUSINESSES.

5. GONZALO ARMANDO RIVERA, S. DE R.L.

APARTADO POSTAL 347, TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., HONDURAS CONTACT: GONZALO ARMANDO RIVERA, MANAGER AND ONWER PHONE: 22-7375, CABLE: GONZALO

ZACOMMENT: FIRM IS INTERESTED IN DISTRIBUTING WALTON HUMIDIFIERS FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND HOME USE; INDUSTRIAL HUMIDIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

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EQUIPMENT WOULD BE ON COMMISSION BASIS. MR. RIVERA HAS MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DISTRIBUTING AND REPRESENTING FOREIGN FIRMS AND IS CONTEMPLATING EXPANDING HIS BUSINESS TO INCLUDE ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

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